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SUBJECT: SALINITY PROBLEM WITH MEXICO

DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY' S URGENTLY CONTACTING
FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL HERBERT BROWNELL AT PLAZA ATHENEE
HOTEL AND OBTAINING HIS REACTION TO FOLLOWING SUMMARY
PROPOSAL WHICH SECRETARY EXPECTS TO DELIVER DURING HIS
MAY 12 VISIT TO MEXICO SUBJECT TO PRESIDENT' S PRIOR
APPROVAL COLORADO RIVER SALINITY RECOMMENDATIONS.

PROPOSAL FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE SALINITY PROBLEM

PURSUANT TO THE JOINT PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED
ON JUNE 17, 1972, PRESIDENT NIXON TOOK STEPS IMMEDIATELY
TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF WATER DELIVERED TO MEXICO, AND
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TO APPOINT A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO FIND A PERMANENT, DEFINITIVE AND JUST SOLUTION TO THE COLORADO RIVER SALINITY PROBLEM- THE SALINITY OF THE WATER MADE AVAILABLE TO MEXICO AT THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY WAS REDUCED BY MORE THAN 100 PARTS PER MILLION AS A MEAN UNDER ARRANGEMENTS IN MINUTE NO. 241 OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION. PRESIDENT NIXON APPOINTED MR. HERBERT BROWNELL, FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, AS HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PERMANENT SOLUTION OF THE TEXT OF RECALL LETTER:

QUOTE

RICHARD NIXON

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

FAHRI S. KORUTURK,

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY.

EXCELLENCY:

MR. WILLIAM J. HANDLEY, WHO HAD SERVED ME AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, HAS RESIGNED HIS MISSION. BECAUSE HE IS UNABLE TO PRESENT HIS LETTER OF RECALL IN PERSON, I HAVE ASKED HIS SUCCESSOR TO PRESENT IT TO YOU.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT MR. HANDLEY, IN FULFILLING THE TRUST IMPOSED UPON HIM, DEDICATED HIMSELF TO STRENGTHENING THE GOOD UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

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VERY TRULY YOURS,

BY THE PRESIDENT: /S/ RICHARD NIXON

/S/ WILLIAM P. ROGERS

SECRETARY OF STATE.

WASHINGTON, APRIL 21, 1973. UNQUOTE

IN THE EVENT THAT THE COURIER DOES NOT ARRIVE IN ANKARA ON THURSDAY EVENING WITH THE NEW SET OF CREDENTIALS BEFORE THE DATE AMBASSADOR MACOMBER IS TO BE RECEIVED BY THE HEAD OF STATE, THE EMBASSY CAN PREPARE FROM THE TEXT SET FORTH IN THIS TELEGRAM COPIES OF THE CREDENCE AND RECALL LETTERS. USING THE BEST QUALITY LEGAL SIZE PAPER, FOLLOW THE SPACING SHOWN IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE COPIES YOU NOW HAVE IN YOUR POSSESSION. NOTE THAT THE ONLY CHANGES IN

THE CREDENCE LETTER ARE THE NAME OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE DATE AT THE BOTTOM AND THAT THE ADDITIONAL CHANGES IN THE RECALL LETTER ARE IN THE FIRST SENTENCE OF THE TEXT AND THE DELETION OF THE LAST SENTENCE IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH. AS YOU SEE, THE CREDENTIALS HAVE BEEN DATED APRIL 21, 1973, THE DATE AMBASSADOR MACOMBER DEPARTED FROM THE STATES FOR ANKARA.

THESE COPIES MAY BE CARRIED BY AMBASSADOR MACOMBER FOR PRESENTATION TO THE PRESIDENT. THE SIGNED ORIGINALS, WHEN RECEIVED, MAY BE DEPOSITED WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY NOT ROUTINE, THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONS IN THE PAST WHEN CREDENTIALS HAVE BEEN TELEGRAPHED. IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD RAISE QUESTIONS, BUT IF IT DOES, YOU CAN SAY THERE IS PRECEDENT FOR THIS PROCEDURE.

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